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SUBJ: KAUNDA COMMENTS ON U.S. TRAVEL ADVISORY AND OTHER RHODESIAN
TOPICS

1. ADDRESSING ZAMBIAN CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION CONFERENCE IN
LUSAKA MAY 17, PRES KAUNDA CALLED ON BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EMULATE
US EXAMPLE BY WARNING ITS NATIONALS TO LEAVE RHODESIA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. KAUMXE SAID "BRITISH SHOULD FOLLOW THE AMERICAN
EXAMPLE AND STRONGLY URGE BRITISH NATIONALS WHO WANT TO RETURN
TO BRITAIN TO LEAVE. CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND OFFER
REFUGE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO ESCAPE FROM THE PRISON OF THEIR
OWN MAKING." PRESIDENT FURTHER URGED "INNOCENT WHITES" WHO
WANT QUIT RHODESIA WITH HONOR AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO DO SO
NOW BEFORE SMITH REGIME IS TOPPLED BY NATIONALIST FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

2. PRESIDENT ALSO WARNED OF LOOMING CLASH OF BIG POWER

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IDEOLOGICAL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

PRESIDENT SAID "WE HAVE NO ILLUSTIONS ABOUT THIS CONFLICT.....WE

MUST NOT FIND OURSELVES IN A POSITION WHERE WE WIN LIBERATION
BUT STILL LOSE THE IDEOLOGICAL WAR."

3. AT PRESENT TIME, PRESIDENT SAID, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR
EXTERNAL MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA BECAUSE ZIMBABWEANS
HAVE THEMSELVES CAPACITY AND WILL TO DEFEAT SMITH. HOWEVER,
SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA WOULD CHANGE
ENTIRE SITUATION. NATIONALISTS WOULD FIND MASSIVE SUPPORT
IN THE WORLD AND ZAMBIA WOULD SUPPORT THEM. "THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR AVOIDING EXTERNAL INTERVENTION LIES SQUARELY ON SOUTH AFRICA."

4. PRESIDENT KAUNDA ALSO LASHED OUT AT "RHODESIAN NATIONALIST
CRITICS OF ZAMBIA'S POLICIES, ACCUSING THEM OF ACTING AS "AGENTS"
OF IAN SMITH. ZAMBIAN DIPLOMATS WERE INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND
STRONGLY TO ATTACKS ON ZAMBIA BY ZIMBABWEANS WHO PRESIDENT
SAID LIVE COMFORTABLY IN LUXURY HOTELS ABROAD AND BUILD UP PERSONAL
SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS AT EXPENSE OF LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST OFFICIAL ZAMBIAN REFERENCE TO MAY 8
DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVELERS ADVISORY ON RHODESIA. COPIES
OF ADVISORY HAD BEEN SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, ZAMBIAN NEWS
MEDIA AND PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS TO BOTH
FACTIONS OF ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (ANC). REFERENCE
TO ADVISORY NOTICE APPEARED IN ZAMBIAN PRESS LAST WEEK FOLLOWING
ITS PUBLICATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.
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